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## 2D SIGNAL BRIGADE NEWSLETTER

### "BRIGADE OF EXCELLENCE"



Brigade and Battalion Commanders and Command Sergeants Major at the Brigade Senior Leaders' Conference.



COL Miller and CSM Brooks at the 2010 Signal Regimental Ball.

In this issue we honor the many recent and upcoming changes of leadership in the Brigade of Excellence particularly COL Gerald H. Miller who took command in July 2008 and will change command the 30th of July 2010.

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Brigade Sync Conference	July 26th to July 29th
Brigade Change of Command and Casing Ceremony	July 30

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## MESSAGE FROM THE BRIGADE COMMAND TEAM



COL Gerald H. Miller

CSM Patrick Brooks

Dear Soldiers, Civilians, Friends and Family,

The month of July has given us many opportunities to appreciate the profound pride and gratitude that is inherent in our profession. Changes in leadership are bitter-sweet. We appreciate and recognize the accomplishments of the outgoing commander and recognize the sacrifices his Family has made. We welcome the new commander and the opportunity for everyone to grow and benefit together. What we have accomplished together will stand long after you or I leave the organization. I sincerely thank you for the work you put in to the organization and it has been a pleasure serving with you. I will always treasure the time I've spent in the brigade of excellence. I welcome COL Mitchell Kilgo and his wife Latonya to the brigade of excellence. I know you will be in good hands under his leadership.

COL Gerald Miller





## MESSAGE FROM THE 6981ST CIVILIAN SUPPORT GROUP



Dear Members, Friends, and Family of the 6981st:

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Focused on accomplishing different projects and tasks the unit is working on its limit. Short notice requirements like maneuver support for the AFE in Ramstein, major projects on a short notice like the cable rerouting at the CBC at Wiesbaden Army Airfield (WAAF), projects for EUCOM in Stuttgart and JMTC at Grafenwoehr/Hohenfels are utilizing nearly all of our resources. But continuously working, step by step, is the key for successful implementation and this allows us to set up a timeline for upcoming projects.

Our operations section (S3) is the single point of contact (SPOC) for all project implementation timeline and planning related challenges. This office is dealing with survey requests, implementation planning, trouble tickets and calling customers.

In May we had our 58th anniversary and we will have several Length of Service jubilees of 35, 30 and 25 years during 2010.

In June we will be at the Combined Logistics Excellence Award ceremony 2010 at Richmond/VA to receive the runner up recognition for the Army Award for Maintenance Excellence 2009 (AAME FY09). I'm honored to work alongside with professionals in my unit and higher HQ's who enables the unit to be successful in its mission and daily operations.

Greetings from the cabling experts!

We connect!

Gerd Drechsler

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## MESSAGE FROM THE 39TH SIGNAL BATTALION COMMAND TEAM



LTC Rodney L.  
Lightfoot



CSM Charles Miller

mander's Prime Time Training (CPTT). CPTT is quarterly training designed to test Soldiers proficiency on Warrior Task and Drills (WTD), promote teamwork and cohesion throughout the unit, put stress on the Soldier, enforce the need for high standards of physical fitness levels and bring together Coalition partners in fostering strong relations with partner countries.



Above: : SGT Muhammad demonstrates how to insert a Nasopharyngeal Airway on SFC Wuepper during CLS training.

Dear Soldiers, Civilians, Friends and Family,

The 39<sup>th</sup> Signal Battalion was engaged in a highly productive and active month of May, filled with many training activities as well as unit morale activities. The month began with Austere Challenge 2010, an annual joint training exercise (hosted by 3<sup>rd</sup> Air Force this year) held in Germany with participation from the U.S. Army, Air Force, Marines, Navy and French Air Force, as well as a few other Soldiers from Italy, Poland and Belgium. Participating for the 39<sup>th</sup> were 2LT Michael McGlothlan, Jr. supporting in Ramstein and CW2 Eric McKinley who supported in Grafenwöhr. 2LT McGlothlan earned a Superior Performer Award and was given a coin by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Air Force Commanding Lieutenant General Gorenc, as an accolade for his outstanding performance as the CTF C-1 Workflow Manager.

The 39<sup>th</sup> also celebrated the promotion of one of their highly regarded Warrant Officers in the early part of May as well.

Right: WO1 Eric McKinley became CW2 McKinley at a promotion ceremony held May 14, 2010 on Daurmerie Caserne.

The main focus for the 39<sup>th</sup> Signal Battalion in May was Com-

Below: Soldiers from the 39<sup>th</sup> train with German troops on clearing buildings.



Above:: SSG Jordan checks Team 2 on sealing their pro masks within 9 seconds



Above: Team 4 getting ready to engage the course on competition day.



## 39TH SIGNAL BATTALION EVENTS

May concluded with a Hail and Farewell dinner for some special personnel in the Battalion. The 39<sup>th</sup> recognized 2LT McGlothlin as the new BN S-1, 2LT Brown as the new XO for 128<sup>th</sup> Signal Company, 1SG Foster as the new 1SG for 128<sup>th</sup> Signal Company and Mr. Daniel Evans as the new HRO. Unfortunately with hails there are always farewells and the 39<sup>th</sup> had to say goodbye to two fantastic officers and one valuable civilian: 1LT Hollweg, CPT Minor and Mr. Lee.

Below: LTC Schonberg presenting 1LT Hollweg with a plaque of remembrance.



Right: LTC Schonberg presenting CPT Minor with a plaque of remembrance.



Below: LTC Schonberg presenting Mr. Lee, the outgoing HRO, with a Certificate of Appreciation and an Army Commendation Medal.



The 39<sup>th</sup> stays active and engaged with many training exercises and unit social activities. Ending out the month, the 39<sup>th</sup> would like to welcome its new additions to the Family, Hannah Taevy Swett the daughter of SPC Justin Swett, born 17 May 2010 at 0650hrs, and Abigail Chavarria the daughter of CPT Alden Chavarria born 25 May 2010 at 1259hrs.



Right: : Soldiers from the 39<sup>th</sup> Signal Battalion posing with Soldiers from the German Army.





## MESSAGE FROM THE 43D SIGNAL BATTALION COMMAND TEAM



LTC John M. Demko



1SG Brent Smith  
Acting CSM

Greetings from the Soldiers and Civilians of the "Always Professional" 43d Signal Battalion.

Greetings from the Soldiers and Civilians of the "Always Professional" 43d Signal Battalion. The last few months have been a time of change for the battalion and its leadership. We have said good-bye to LTC Peyton, who changed command on 25 June with LTC Demko, and we have said good-bye to CSM Wallace. This command team has been integral to the success of the 43d Signal Battalion and will be missed.

We would like to welcome our new battalion commander, LTC John Demko, and his family. We look forward to the next few years with them in the battalion.

The 43d Signal Battalion has two new company commanders, CPT Joseph Marty, HHD commander, and CPT Anthony Cato, 181<sup>st</sup> Signal Company Commander. Good luck to them both as they take the helm of their units.

The Soldiers and Civilians of the Always Professional Battalion have been hard at work over the last few months with the busy Command Inspection Program, Command Supply Discipline Program and the Department of the Army COMSEC Audits. The battalion continues to pass with flying colors and set the standard within the BDE.

Congratulations to all of the Soldiers listed, who received an award or promotion over the last few months.

We look forward to the summer months and the opportunities to take leave and spend time with families within the German area and hope that everyone in the Brigade has the opportunity to take time to relax and enjoy their time in Europe.

"Always Professional"

LTC John M. Demko

Battalion Commander

## 43D SIGNAL BATTALION AWARDS/PROMOTIONS/WELCOMES

### Awards

CSM Wallace, Ricky	MSM (PCS)
MSG Smith, Christopher N.	MSM (RET)
SSG Mitchell, Matthias R.	ARCOM (PCS)
SSG Zeman, David C.	ARCOM (PCS)
SGT Cervantes, John T.	ARCOM (PCS)
SPC Colbert, Kameron W.	ARCOM (PCS)
SPC Calvo, Joshua M.	ARCOM (PCS)
SGT Brock, Jennifer R.	AAM (ACH)
SGT Staffiles, Billy J.	AAM (ACH)
SPC Brooks, Tre T.	AAM (ACH)
SPC Handy, Malcolm D.	AAM (ACH)
SPC Kilgore, Jeremy B.	AAM (ACH)

SPC Reyes, Edwin M.

AAM (ACH)

SPC Ruland, Amamda J.

AAM (ACH)

PV2 Rodriguez, Ray A.

AAM (ACH)

### Departures

BN CDR – LTC Peyton

181 CO – MAJ Weber

S3- MAJ Montoya

### Promotions (May)

SPC Madera, Suehein

SPC Rock, Joshua A.

PV2 Schrier, Christopher T.

### Promotions (Jun)

PFC Brown, Phillip T.

PFC Dirocco, David J.

PFC Youvella, Heather N.

PFC Mariani, Joshua L.

PFC Rodriguez, Ray A.

PFC Mann, Jonthan K.



## MESSAGE FROM THE 44TH EXPEDITIONARY COMMAND TEAM



LTC Dwayne A. Dickens

CSM Demetrius R.  
Steel

From the 44<sup>th</sup> Expeditionary Command Team:

May was a very busy month for the Battalion. Alpha Company executed a training exercise in the switch park, which provided an opportunity for Soldiers to sharpen their technical skills. Alpha Company is also providing a tactical display in the city of Hessen. This event is known as Hessen Tag and allows us to partner with the host nation and strengthens relationships and a mutual understanding of each other's communications systems. Alpha Company is providing one of the few US displays during the event.

Charlie Company executed their fifth rotation in Camp Nothing Hill, Kosovo, and successfully returned all personnel and equipment safely. I visited the Charlie Company team, which rapidly impressed me with their professionalism throughout the execution of this mission. Charlie Company has also deployed a team to Morag, Poland. Our first rotation to PATRIOTS-to-Poland began this month, and I look forward to visiting the outstanding Soldiers executing this mission through the month of July. I am proud of the Soldiers and their outstanding performance in support of the Multinational Task Force and the Air Missile Defense Detachment. Overall, a job well done!

In the latter part of May, I participated in the 2d Signal Brigade Command Conference. This event provided an opportunity to showcase the hard work and dedication that our

great Soldiers are doing in Europe. I briefed the Battalion's top five priorities, which I would like to share with you. The five priorities are:

- Theater Communications support
- Support to Bravo Company
- Training Cycle for July-December
- Summer moves and arrivals
- Digital University

Lastly, I would like to thank all Soldiers and Families who participated in our first-ever Battalion trip to Lloret De Mar, Spain. This trip was held over the Memorial Day weekend in May and was sponsored by our BOSS Team, SPC Justin McDermott and SPC Seth Alton, who planned and coordinated the buses, hotel and entertainment for the weekend.

The buses for this fun-filled event left the Ledward Barracks area on Thursday evening at 1700 and arrived in Lloret de Mar, Spain, at roughly noon the next day. After a long night on the bus, everyone was still ready for the fun as soon as they arrived. The beach and pool were on everyone's agenda for that afternoon. Early Saturday morning, the travelers embarked on a one-day trip to Barcelona, where shopping and sight-seeing were the main attractions. Several Soldiers, friends and Families ate lunch at the famed Hard Rock Café, Barcelona, before returning to the buses for an evening out. The Medieval Dinner and Flamenco Shows scheduled for that evening were a hit and everyone returned to the hotels ready to rest up for the next day of adventure around 0100. Sunday morning brought the decision to either join the Pottery Day Trip, or as many chose to do,

to stay pool or beachside and rest after their exciting night out. Monday morning brought the trip to a close with the buses arriving for pickup at 0900, and finally arriving at home base that night at roughly 0200.

I received many positive comments from this event. As such, we will be providing many other opportunities in the future to travel and enjoy the great locations Europe has to offer. Stay tuned to our next edition for more information.

OUTSTANDING!

DWAYNE A. DICKENS, LTC, Commanding

"Charlie Company team, rapidly impressed me with their professionalism throughout the execution of this mission."

- LTC Dickens





## 44TH SIGNAL BATTALION EVENTS

### Instilling the Warrior Ethos: The Hawks Conduct Combatives Training

Story by Captain Jason Halub;  
Photos by Staff Sergeant Laurie Eggleston

This week's Outstanding Time Training saw the Soldiers of Headquarters and Headquarters Company (HHC), 44th Expeditionary Signal Battalion (ESB) take to the mats for a challenging and exciting session of Modern Army Combatives. Soldiers trained for four hours on Level-One techniques, focusing on positional control, defense from the mount and guard, escapes, as well as the bent and straight arm bar techniques. This training comes in preparation of the 5<sup>th</sup> Signal Modern Army Combatives Tournament that will be hosted by the 43rd Signal Battalion on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010 in Mannheim.

"I hadn't done Combatives training like this since Basic Training," said Private First-Class

Micah Turner. "The class size small, so we all had access to an instructor, and the amount of time we had to drill the techniques really allowed us to pick everything up."

Sergeant First-Class Jermaine Grandison and Staff Sergeant (Promotable) Christopher Kerperien were the instructors for this training event. Both having completed Combatives Level-Two, they are authorized to train and instruct Soldiers on Combatives Level-One techniques and drills. Assisting them as demonstrators and safeties were Sergeant First-Class Anthony Jarman and Sergeant Christopher Beck, who are both Combatives Level-One certified and are scheduled to attend the Level-Two course later this month.

SFC Grandison commented about the training that "It was a Good way to identify those Sol-

diers with an aptitude and passion for this kind of training, both for the upcoming tournament and, more importantly, for training Soldiers further on down the line." And, indeed, this event is part of a long-term training strategy to get all of the Soldiers of HHC, 44th ESB trained on the Level-One Combatives. "It's our ultimate goal to do a longer block of instruction like this at least once a quarter, and then augment it with shorter sessions at least once a week. That way our Soldiers are reinforcing all the skills and techniques they have learned so that they will be confident and ready should they ever have to employ these skills in combat," said Staff Sergeant (promotable) Christopher Kerperien. If nothing else, Modern Army Combatives is important because it helps steel the mind and body and instill in our Soldiers the Warrior Ethos. Outstanding!



Staff Sergeant (Promotable) Christopher Kerperien demonstrates how to stand up in base.



Sergeant First-Class Jermaine Grandison demonstrates good base and posture in Sergeant Christopher Beck's guard.



## MESSAGE FROM THE 52D SIGNAL BATTALION COMMAND TEAM



LTC Robert A. Vitt

CSM Mark A. George

Soldiers, Civilians, Family Members, and friends of the 52d Signal Battalion:

Stay Tuned to the Brigade Newsletter for Continued Updates on the happenings at 52d Signal Battalion.

LTC Robert A. Vitt

CSM Mark A. George



1LT Ameaa Ali-Drayton gets promoted to Captain by BG Robert Ferrell on 7 June 2010.



## 52D SIGNAL BATTALION NEWS

### Birthdays:

PFC Brandon Hart	3 Jun
SGT Justin Merlau	6 Jun
SPC Sushil Shrestha	10 Jun
SPC Felix Gonzalez	12 Jun
PFC Miguel Angel	17 Jun
1LT Cecilia Clark	18 Jun
SSG David Reeves	20 Jun
SSG Armin Mousavian	22 Jun
PFC Ignituous Harris	23 Jun
SGT Bryan Nonnemacher	25 Jun
PFC Brittany Chisleu	30 Jun

### Promotions:

SGT Jay Tope	1 Jun 10
CPT Ameaa Ali-Drayton	1 Jun 10



## MESSAGE FROM THE 69TH SIGNAL BATTALION COMMAND TEAM



LTC Earl S.  
Nakata

CSM Kristine A.  
Purnell

Soldiers, Civilians, Local Nationals,  
Friends and Family members,

The end of June signifies the end of  
one of the busiest two months for the

69<sup>th</sup> Signal Battalion. In addition to supporting the biggest EUCOM sponsored exercise, Austere Challenge 10, the battalion conducted two weapons qualification ranges, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment 1SG Change of Responsibility Ceremony, set-up and preparation for 1-4 INF Mission Rehearsal Exercise, preparation for KFOR 13 Mission Rehearsal Exercise at Hohenfels, I3MP cutover for Vilseck, preparation for I3MP at Ansbach, SAN Migration of data in APC-G, continual support of NETCOM's OPVAL II support for 75<sup>th</sup> Fires from FT Sill, established VoSIP capability for the 12<sup>th</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade in Ansbach, support for

Juniper Falcon Initial Planning Conference by creating accounts and running the help desk, and Black Sea Rotational Force support in Babadag Training Area in Romania. We also sent two Soldiers, SPC Hendrix and SPC Rusciollelli who volunteered to support SABER DAWN, TDY to Bulgaria for 30 days. The battalion continues to excel in conducting our mission of providing world class communications capabilities in support of our warfighters. The CSM and I would like to thank all of you for your continued hard work and solidifying the 69<sup>th</sup> Signal Battalion's stellar reputation.

"Voice of Command"

## 69TH SIGNAL BATTALION NEWS

### New Arrivals

LT Scott "Sean" Gorski  
SFC James Howard

### Birthdays (June)

2 - Maximilian Pravida, ROC  
3 - Wendy Bland, S3  
6 - John Greer, OC Ansbach  
7 - June SSG Henry Gomez  
13 - William Swartout, ROC  
17 - Michael Muth, OC Schweinfurt  
25 - Cary Levitre, OC Schweinfurt  
25 - Melissa Daniels, APC  
26 - Jason Guadin, OC Romania  
28 - Peter Mulla, APC  
29 - June SGT (P) Bryan Ploettner  
29 - Dieter Potzel, ROC  
30 - Dieter Fruth, OC Hohenfels  
30 - David Lewis, OC Romania



## 5<sup>TH</sup> SIGNAL COMMAND NCO OF THE YEAR



SERGEANT EDWIN R. HUNT



Left: On behalf of COL Miller and CSM Brooks, LTC Nakata presents a Brigade Coin of Excellence to Mr. Bill Jerome (OC Hohenfels MST) for his outstanding performance during the Brigade COMSEC SAV.

Right: 69th Signal  
Battalion represented well at the  
2010 European  
Signal Regimental  
Ball







## 69TH SIGNAL BATTALION NEWS

### RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Mr. David Hicks, (Battalion COMSEC Manager) went through a TS COMSEC Audit on 1-2 June. The Audit was conducted by Mrs. Mary Herrera from the Communications Security Logistics Activity (CSLA), Fort Huachuca, AZ. A 100% inventory was conducted, along with a 100% COMSEC Audit of all 2009/2010 records, and a physical security inspection. The Hand Receipt Holders that were inspected were the Grafenwöhr ROC, Mr. Robert Saynuk and the 709th MP Battalion, SFC Michael Jackson. The TS COMSEC account received a "SATISFACTORY"!

Mrs. Herrera was so impressed with Mr. Hicks' performance and the condition of the TS Account that she is going to nominate Mr. Hicks and write the justification for Outstanding COMSEC Account Manager of the Year.

Words from COL Miller after receiving the results of the COMSEC Audit: I am so proud of your team and this accomplishment! You all have certainly set the standard. You have a very tough mission with a load of accounts. Keeping them all in line with this level of proficiency is a great feat of teamwork and dedication. I applaud your efforts, and I am proud of you. You exude excellence every day.

MAJ Wallace Smith, CPT John Weissenborn, Mr. JC Perez, and Mr. Thomas Zschokke placed "1st" in the Stuttgart Golf Tournament sponsored by 52nd Signal Battalion during Regimental Week

The battalion purchased an astounding "48 tickets" to attend the 2010 European Regimental Signal Ball on 5 June. A special thanks to the HHD FRG and the battalion leadership for funding the bus transportation to/from the Ball. A special thanks go out to the following individuals for sponsoring Soldiers to attend the Ball: Mr. Bill Swartout, Mr. James Fortner, Mr. Chris Alonzo, Mr. Jim McCall, Mr. Sam Navarro, Mr. Dale Jones, Ms. Wendy Bland, Mr. John Purnell, MSG Stephen Roberts, SFC Matthew Williams, SFC James Nejelski, SSG Frazier, MAJ Castellani, MAJ Smith, CSM Purnell, and LTC Nakata.

Congratulations to SGT Bryan Carney on his promotion to SGT/E-5, effective 1 June and his reenlistment into the Army Reserves. Welcome SGT Carney to the NCO Corps!

Congratulations to Ms. Kimberly Lazard and Mr. Filemon Guinto (OC Hohenfels) for obtaining their CompTIA Security+ Certification; Mr. Steve Pagua (OC Hohenfels) and SGT Bryan Ploettner (HHD) for obtaining their Network+ Certification.

SSG Gomez and SPC Shank were presented the 5th Signal Command, Command Sergeant Major Coin of Excellence on behalf of CSM Washington for a special mission they accomplished during AC10.

SPC Eric Hendrix and SPC David Rusciollelli deployed to Bulgaria to support the Saber Dawn exercise. They both volunteered for this mission and returned on 19 June after a 30 day exercise.

OC Hohenfels, the Mission Support Team (MST), along with 7 HHD Soldiers are currently supporting the KFOR 13 mission. The exercise lasts until 3 July.

The Battalion and HHD were awarded the Army Safety Excellence Streamer. The Steamer is awarded for a "one year time period" and would not have been possible if not for each and every one of you doing your part to ensure 100% safety compliance.

SPC Alrice Barnes was awarded the Army Achievement Medal on behalf of COL Miller for being recognized as the Brigade Soldier of the 2QTR FY10.

SGT Edwin Hunt was recognized as the 5th Signal Command NCO of the Year!

### 69TH SIGNAL BATTALION PICS



Right: From left to right: Mr. Bryan Rhodes, Mr. JC Perez (OC Chief), Mr. Adam cBride, and Mr. Edgardo Roldan from OC Bamberg were presented the Army Achievement Medal for Civilian Service by the USAG-Bamberg Commander, LTC Rosenberg for providing outstanding support to the Garrison over the past three years. The awardees were also presented the Garrison Commander's Coin of Excellence.

Below: COL Cox presents 5th Signal Command Coins of Excellence to Mr. Bob Saynuk (ROC) and Mr. Albert Panzer (ROC DCO) in recognition of their outstanding performance.





## 69TH SIGNAL BATTALION NEWS

### M16 Range

Grafenwoehr, Germany- Our unit is a true representation of mission ready. On 20 May 2010, HHD held formation in full battle rattle for accountability. A Safety Brief /Risk Assessment were given by the OIC, 2LT Patrick Sandoval, along with the vehicle order of march. Soldiers were released to pick up weapons and move out to the M16 Range. Once again our Soldiers were afforded the opportunity to put their Basic Rifle Marksmanship to the test. While waiting to fire, Soldiers re-



ceived refresher training on the four fundamentals of marksmanship and individual training when required. As the OIC for the range, 2LT Patrick Sandoval stated, "During this range we emphasized the key fundamentals of Safety and Marksmanship. These requirements are essential for Soldier's discipline and instills confidence with their weapon while ensuring they are not only



safe during a range but in all they do." HHD Soldiers qualified 18 percent Experts and 41 percent Sharpshooters. Our Soldiers demonstrated their ability to excel in

Basic Rifle Marksmanship.

In the coming months, our Soldiers will undergo confidence training using additional Army Warrior Tasks skills at the Land Navigation Course, Obstacle Course Range, MOUT Training, Leadership Reaction Course, and NBC Chamber. This training provides our Soldiers with the advantage of being the "ideal" Soldier-capable of handling multiple demanding scenarios and reacting with precision to carry on any mission. It is our goal to ensure we remain mission ready with safety as our watch word. HHD, 69<sup>th</sup> Signal Battalion is the, "Voice Command."

### Change of Responsibility

Grafenwoehr, Germany- Peter Drucker said, "[Management is doing things right; leadership is doing the right things.](#)" This is a true testament to the execution of day to day operations under the leadership of the Company Commander and First Sergeant. They are the blueprint utilized by our future leaders.

On the 21 May 2010, our battalion held a



Change of Responsibility Ceremony for Detachment Sergeant, MSG Stephen Roberts who passed on the "Noncommissioned Officer's Sword" to the Detachment Sergeant, SFC Matthew Williams Jr. This is a time honored tradition of relinquishing responsibility and authority. The sword represents the "cutting edge" of professionalism and the

living spirit of the organization and its' mission.

### Passing of the "Noncommissioned Officer's Sword"

This marked a bitter sweet transition. A bitter transition because MSG Roberts has provided a limitless amount of knowledge and has led the unit in an extensive quantity of accomplishments. His dedication, contributions, and spirited presence will be greatly missed. MSG Roberts departs the 69<sup>th</sup> Signal Battalion Unit with his wife, Annette, and his children, Jason and Melinda. His next assignment will be at Fort Drum, assigned to the 10<sup>th</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade as the S4 NCOIC. MSG Roberts's parting thoughts, "This has been by far my best assignment in my career. I will truly miss the friendship, comradery, professionalism and strong work ethic that this unit displays on a daily basis." A sweet transition because Detachment Sergeant, SFC Williams brings with him an awareness of the battalion mission having served as the S-3 NCOIC for 69<sup>th</sup> Signal Battalion; years of experience, knowledge and fresh insight to different avenues of approach which will prove to be valuable to HHD. SFC Williams is accompanied by his wife Dotie, and two children, Zachery and Taylor.

The HHD, 69<sup>th</sup> Signal Battalion is confident SFC Williams is prepared to handle any mission or challenge but most importantly he will ensure our Soldiers are prepared. The Bavarian, 69<sup>th</sup> Signal Battalion Family extend warm congratulations, to Detachment Sergeant SFC Williams and wishes him the best in his new position.







## MESSAGE FROM THE 72D-REAR SIGNAL COMPANY COMMAND TEAM



CPT Sergio Trejo

1SG Brian K.  
Cantrell

72D ESB Soldiers and Family Members,

The Rear-D is done re-establishing our headquarters and new Soldier housing in Sullivan Barracks. The move took us a little longer than anticipated but thanks to the great support we received from 5<sup>th</sup> Signal Command, 2<sup>nd</sup> Signal Brigade, and USAG-M we finally made it. Mission Accomplished! The Battalion is only days from redeployment. Our Soldiers continue working hard in our redeployment ceremony.

As the Re-Deployment of our Soldiers gets closer and closer we are receiving Soldiers that are redeploying early for several reasons. 2<sup>nd</sup> Signal Brigade, USAG-M and 72d ESB and 72d ESB FRG team have all strived to welcome these Soldiers properly.

One important mission for the Rear-D is to provide quality support to the Family members as we prepare to bring their loved ones back from a long deployment. Our FRG is fully engaged in our redeployment ceremony and they are assisting the battalion by making welcome packets for single Soldiers.

On 7 July 2010, 72d ESB opened their DFAC. It was a great event! We had over 300 persons eating in the DFAC that day. The ceremony was officiated by COL

Miller and CSM Brooks, CSM Delgado, 1SG Cantrell and SFC Grays cut the ribbon for the grand opening. It was a great event and many people from the USAG-M were happy we reopened this facility.

Final thought remember we are here to provide assistance to you all the way to the end. Please do not hesitate to call me at 0162-273-1041 if you need anything.

V/R

BRIAN CANTRELL

1SG, USA

Company First Sergeant

“On 7 July 2010, 72d ESB opened their DFAC. It was a great event! We had over 300 persons eating in the DFAC that day.”

- 1SG  
Cantrell







## MESSAGE FROM THE 102D SIGNAL BATTALION COMMAND TEAM



LTC Eric E. Aslakson



CSM Robert A.  
Daniel, Jr.

### NCO Induction Ceremony



CSM Brooks, CSM Daniel and CSM Washington, waiting for the new inducted German NCO.



102D Signal Battalion held an annual NCO Induction Ceremony in Wiesbaden.



CSM Daniel saluting the new Inducted German NCO.



LTC Jarrell reading the oath of enlistment to SGT Gutierrez, who received her reenlistment of duty in Hawaii.



5<sup>th</sup> Signal Command CSM Washington. 2<sup>nd</sup> Signal Brigade CSM Brooks and 102<sup>nd</sup> Signal Battalion CSM Daniel at the NCO Induction Ceremony in Wiesbaden.





## 102D SIGNAL BATTALION PICTURES

### 102d Signal Battalion Range



SSG Ward coaching 2LT Wilson at the Wackernheim M9 Range.



SPC Douglas and SFC Kelly showing their happiness for complete the Zeroing Range.



SPC Douglas and 2LT Rodriguez at the Zeroing Range.



SSG Wise showing his happiness after zero his weapon.

### Cable Installation

Below: CPL Boyd laying copper and fiber cables for the 7<sup>th</sup> Army Command Battle Center on Wiesbaden Army Air Field.



Left: PFC Cabrera and SPC Watson working hard installing cable for the new 7<sup>th</sup> Army Command Battle Center on Wiesbaden Army Air Field.





**102D SIGNAL BATTALION PICTURES****102d Signal Battalion Photo Events**

Commanders CPT Billingsley, LTC Jarrell and 2LT Wilson celebrating 150 years of Signal at the European Regimental Signal Ball in Heidelberg, Germany.



2LT Rodriguez, CPT Billingsley and 2LT Wilson with their respective wives during the European Regimental Signal Ball in Heidelberg, Germany.

**Happy Birthday!!! Best of wishes to all of you, and many more years!!!**

**The 102<sup>nd</sup> Signal Battalion celebrates the birthdays of the following members:**

Mr. Steffen	01 JUN 10
Mr. Powarcinsky	05 JUN 10
Mr. Schmuck	11 JUN 10
Mr. Parkos	15 JUN 10
Mr. Husar	16 JUN 10
Mr. Rieger	21 JUN 10
SSG Alvarez	22 JUN 10
PFC Phung	23 JUN 10
SGT Mendez	25 JUN 10
CPL Valle	26 JUN 10
Mrs. Garceau	28 JUN 10
Mr. Hart	28 JUN 10
Mr. Linck	29 JUN 10
Mr. Stephani	30 JUN 10
2LT Wilson	30 JUN 10

**The 102<sup>nd</sup> Signal Battalion hails the following members and their families:**

MAJ Byrd	15 JUN 10
PFC Cooley	17 JUN 10
LTC Aslakson	23 JUN 10



LTC Jarrell and CSM Daniel, adding the DA Army's Safety Excellence Streamer Award to the 255<sup>th</sup> Detachment Gideon.

**102d Signal Battalion Events/ Birthdays**

02 JUN 10	European Signal Golf Tournament
03 JUN 10	Combatives Tournament
04 JUN 10	Command Esprit De Corps Run
05 JUN 10	Signal Ball
08 JUN 10	Battalion Prayer Breakfast
08 - 11 JUN 10	Relocation of Battalion Headquarters to Bldg 1008 on WAAF
25 JUN 10	Battalion Birthday Celebration





## 509TH SIGNAL BATTALION COMMAND TEAM



LTC G. Shawn Wells



CSM Brian W. Warren

Greetings from the Soldiers and Civilians of the 509th Signal Battalion.

Stay Tuned to the Brigade Newsletter for Continued Updates on the happenings at 509th Signal Battalion.

LTC G. Shawn Wells  
Commanding

CSM Brian W. Warren  
Command Sergeant Major

## 509TH SIGNAL BATTALION NEWS-OC LIVORNO

### OC Livorno

On 11 June 2010, the Commander of 3rd Battalion 405th Area Field Support Brigade (AFSB) COL Roger McCreery presented an Appreciation Award and the Battalion Coin to the 509th Signal Battalion, OC Livorno Chief Mr. Frank Maloney and staff. The plaque read: "In appreciation of your support and commitment to excellence over the past two years. Through your dedication you have made it possible for the 3rd Battalion, 405th Army Field Support Brigade to

concentrate on our mission. As a Team, we have all successfully supported the Soldiers and Civilians of the 3/405th AFSB, USAG-Livorno and our Allies. Thank You for your efforts."

COL McCreery stated that being a tenant unit can be challenging and the support the 3/405th receives from 509th Signal Battalion Operation Center Livorno is outstanding. OC Livorno always completes the task at hand and routinely goes out of their way to resolve any issues that presents itself. The

509th Signal BN OC Livorno enabled 3/405th to concentrate on the success of their mission by focusing on the customer and getting the job done. COL McCreery also stated that 3/405th would have not been as successful in their mission without the outstanding support from the OC Livorno. OC Livorno and the 509th Signal BN takes great pride in supporting our Air Force partners in the Joint environment.

## 509TH SIGNAL BATTALION NEWS- BALTIC HOST 10

### *509<sup>th</sup> takes part in a combined multinational exercise*

For one week in early June of this year I had the distinct opportunity to take part in Baltic Host 10, a combined multinational exercise in Riga, Latvia. The purpose of the exercise was to increase interoperability of Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia and other NATO countries' military and civilian institutions. This would have been an extremely challenging exercise for any group of nations; the fact that Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia collectively planned and executed this exercise is phenomenal, especially when one considers that they have been sovereign states for less than twenty years.

During the exercise I served as part of the

J6 cell that also included a Latvian Major and a Lithuanian Captain. Together we assisted each of the three countries in their planning for the Reception, Staging, and Onward movement of US forces in a fictitious scenario designed to enhance the combined planning capabilities of all three states.

This exercise provided valuable insight into the communications capabilities of our European counterparts and allowed the free exchange of ideas. Building a partnership with other nations is a key component to an effective multinational force; this exercise provided that platform and also expanded my knowledge and understanding of other European

forces and their communications requirements and capabilities.



From left to right - CPT Aivaras Ramanauskas (Lithuania), CPT Lucas Cottrell (USA), MAJ Gatis Māliņš (Latvia)



## MESSAGE FROM THE HHC COMMAND TEAM



CPT Sirena Sias



1SG Joseph Williams

### Message from the Command Team:

We enjoyed organizational day on 2 July with a barbeque. Families were present and enjoyed themselves. We also said goodbye to some and welcomed others. The move to Wiesbaden is almost complete and we look forward to the new work space.

Lastly we anticipate with bitter-sweet sadness the change of command ceremony. As such we have posted

these pictures of COL Miller doing what he enjoys most, interacting with and recognizing Soldiers.

Sirena Sias  
CPT, SC  
Commanding

## HHC NEWS AND PICTURES

SFC Olsen- MSM for retirement  
SFC Brown- MSM for PCS  
SGT Metheny- AAM for being honor grad in WLC  
SGT Pantle- AAM for helping with AC10  
SPC Crosby- AAM for helping with AC10  
SPC Williams- AAM for helping with AC10  
SPC Ruland- AAM for rating satisfactory on the Nuclear inspection.  
PFC Acevedo- COA for rating satisfactory on the Nuclear inspection.

MSG Bravo and SFC Olsen- retirement  
SPC Oates- ETS  
SPC Maniz, SPC Castro and SGT Davidson- PCS

COL Miller presents SPC Maniz with an ARCOM for service.



COL Miller and newly promoted PFC Reed.

Right: COL Miller presents MSG (Ret) Bravo his MSM for service.



Right: COL Miller presents SPC Williams an impact award.







## HHC 2D SIGNAL BRIGADE—OUR SHARED MEMORIES



Left: COL Miller fairwells Chaplain Meador.



Right: COL Miller fairwells the Friberg family.



Left: LTC Jarrell fairwells the Miller family.



Right: SFC Olsen (left) and CPT Lokodi (right) as SFC Olsen receives his retirement gift.

COL Miller and CSM Brooks present SFC Brown her fairwell gift.



COL Miller receives a fairwell gift.

